

# Rules for Safe Surfing

## **Chat Rooms**

Chat rooms may seem like a great way to meet new people. But remember:

- You never know who is there.
- People you meet online are not always who they seem to be.
- Nothing you type is private, so never give out any personal information

## **E-mail**

E-mail makes it easy to stay in touch with friends. But to play it safe:

- It's best not to respond to an e-mail from someone you don't know.
- Don't open files attached to e-mails from someone you don't know.

## **Exploring the Web**

The Internet is a great place to do research for school, shop, and learn more about your hobbies. But for your safety and privacy:

- Avoid "adults only" Web sites and if you encounter adult material, leave the site immediately.
- If you go to a Web site that requires you to provide personal information to gain access, ask your parents first.
- Get a parent's permission before buying anything online.

Talk to a parent or other trusted adult about any information, images, or contacts you encounter that make you feel uncomfortable or seem inappropriate.